

Remarks

Rejections Under 35 USC 112:

Claims 3, 4, 21, and 34 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. These claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102:

Claims 1-4, and 21-27 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US Pat. No. 6982960). The Applicants wish to point out that the Examiner has improperly used Lee as a reference against the present application. Particularly, the present application claims priority to US provisional Application No. 60/291,140, filed May 15, 2000. The Lee reference has a filing date of March 09, 2001. Because the present application claims priority to an application that was filed before Lee, the Lee reference cannot be used against the present application. Therefore, claims 1-4 and 21-27 are in proper condition for allowance.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references. As the Applicant has overcome all substantive rejections given by the Examiner the Applicant contends that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's rejections to the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter. Finally, please charge any fees (including extension of time fees) or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502117.

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